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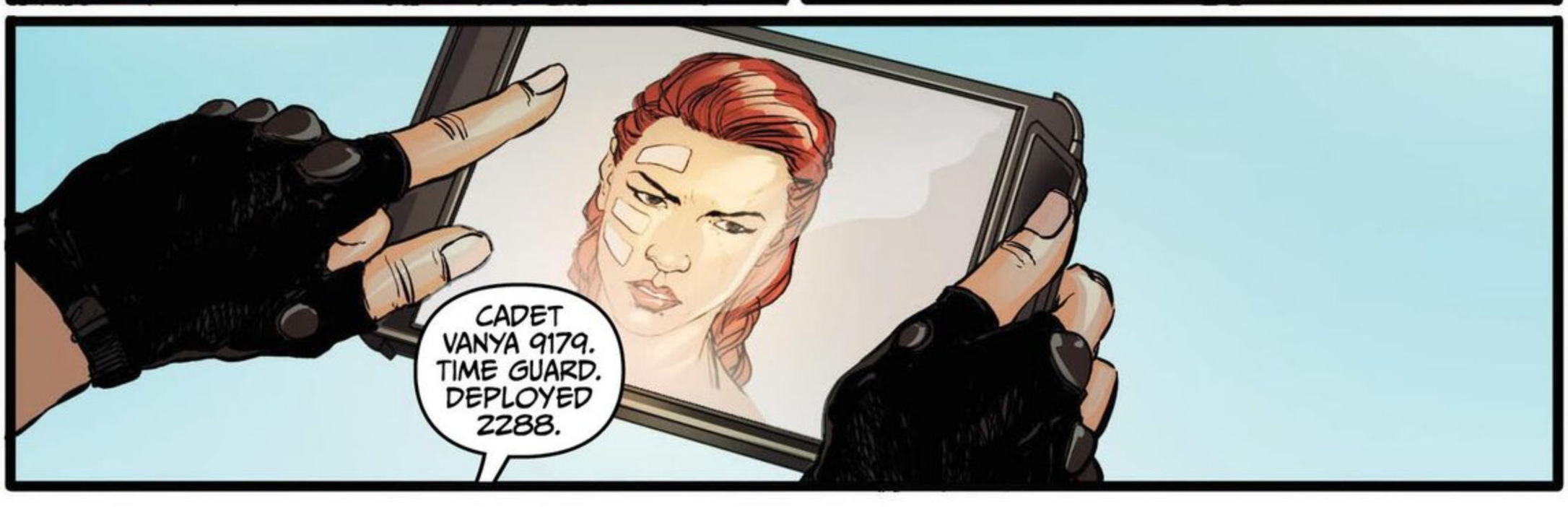
ARE YOU VANYA?

IS YOUR NAME VANYA? VANYA 9179?

YES, BUT WHO THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS?
POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, SARGE.


CADET VANYA 9179. TIME GUARD. DEPLOYED 2288.

STAND DOWN, CADET. WE AIN'T GONNA HURT YOU.

ANSWER MY QUESTION. WHO ARE YOU?

VANYA? EVERYTHING OKAY?

JUST MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

CADET SERAH 1123.

EXTRACTION TEAM DELTA. DEPLOYED 2288.

SERAH! IS IT REALLY YOU?!

CARE TO FILL ME IN?

LUCAS?! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN!

I'M SO GLAD YOU MADE IT. I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR TEAM.

I HADN'T... BUT FROM THE WAY YOU JUST SAID THAT, I'M GONNA NEED A BEER.

DON'T THINK I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING-

THIS IS LUCAS 4999. FELLOW GRADUATE OF THE AKRIM ACADEMY.

I LIKE THE DUDS.

HAD TO GO WITH THE FLOW.

GET IT TOGETHER PEOPLE. MOVE OUT IN TWO.

PREPPED TO LAUNCH?

ALL SET, SARGE. READY WHEN YOU ARE.

"AMAZING. YOU ALL MADE THIS FROM RESOURCES YOU FOUND HERE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU ALL BEEN HERE?"

VRRRRR

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE IN SOME CAPACITY. BUT WE RAMPED UP REINFORCEMENTS AFTER THE ATTACK IN 2288.

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CAPTAIN JAX, TWO CADETS RETRIEVED DURING SCOUTING. THIS IS VANYA 9179 AND SERAH 1123, SIR.

EXCELLENT, CORPORAL. TELL SARGE WE'LL MEET IN AN HOUR FOR THE FULL REPORT.

SINCE MY ARRIVAL TO THIS TIMELINE, I'VE...

...DONE A LOT.

YOU'VE CLEARLY ADAPTED AND MASTERED THE TRAINING PROTOCOL. CONGRATULATIONS.

THANK YOU, SIR.

I NEED TO SPEAK WITH SARGE, BUT WE'LL GO OVER WHAT INTEL YOU HAVE SOON.

IF I MAY, I'D KILL FOR A HOT MEAL THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO HUNT MYSELF.

LUCAS, GET THESE TWO WHATEVER THEY NEED.

YES, SIR.

LET ME GIVE YOU THE SHORT TOUR. OVER THERE ARE THE QUARTERS... INFIRMARY... MESS HALL...

SHOWERS... ARMORY...

WHAT THE HELL? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SHOWERS!

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER APPRECIATED BEING DIRTY UNTIL NOW. SOAP AND HOT WATER I DIDN'T HAVE TO BOIL MYSELF? PURE BLISS.

SOUNDS LIKE A CHALLENGE TO ME.

MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T DO THIS-MMM- HERE...

NOW WHAT WERE YOU SAYING EARLIER?

NEVERMIND.

MMMMMM-

SQUELCH

AHHH...

AHH- DID I TEACH YOU THAT MOVE? DO IT AGAIN.

DIDN'T REALIZE THE SHOWERS WERE OCCUPIED.

VANYA, DON'T STOP! DON'T YOU FUCKING STOP!

SORRY FOR INTRUDING.

EITHER HELP HER OR GET OUT!

SHEESH, OKAY. GIVE ME A SECOND TO GET IT GOING.

HE'S FUCKING ME REAL HARD!

MMM! I CAN TELL, BABY.

AAAAAAAA!

DO THAT SWIRL AGAIN.

YEAH, THAT... AHHHHH.

NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING WITH MY SHOWER, BUT YOU KNOW HOW TO TREAT A GUY.

I'M GUY, BY THE WAY.

YOU'RE JOKING.

SEE YOU AROUND... GUY.

IF YOU EVER NEED HELP SCRUBBING YOUR BACK OR THOSE OTHER HARD TO REACH PLACES, FIND ME.

WE'LL KEEP YOU IN MIND.

"A HOT SHOWER...

"FRESH CLOTHES...

...AND A FULL SERVICE CAFETERIA!

OH MY GOD, SERAH. LOOK.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

MMMMM THIS IS THE BEST THING EVER.

SECOND BEST THING.

MMMMM

THE TORRIDIANS ATTACKED 26 MAJOR STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ACROSS THE PLANET AND HUNDREDS OF MINOR AREAS.

THE SIZE OF THE FORCE IS HALF THEIR AVAILABLE INTERSTELLAR AND GROUND TROOPS.

"WE PULLED ALL AVAILABLE TROOPS AND CIVILIANS TO FIGHT BACK WHEREVER WE COULD.

"THREW EVERYTHING WE HAD AT THEM.

"IT JUST WASN'T ENOUGH.

WILSHIRE DRIVE

"CENTRAL COMMAND ORDERED US TO TAKE WHAT AND WHO WERE LEFT THROUGH THE ONE OF THE LAST PORTALS.

"I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOAD OUT OF THE SECOND TO LAST SCIENCE CONTINGENT.

"OUR SCIENCE TEAM, ESCORTED BY ASTRAL GUARDS, MADE THE JUMP TO THIS TIMELINE.

"THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT BUT SMOKE AND RUBBLE BY THE TIME WE GOT THERE. SOMEHOW THE TORRIDIANS GOT TO THEM, ACCORDING TO THE FEW SURVIVORS... VERY FEW.

IN THAT VEIN, WE HAVE SEVERAL CACHES TO RETRIEVE AND BOLSTER OUR SUPPLIES. HERE, HERE, HERE, AND HERE. UP FOR A MISSION?

OF COURSE, SIR. SERAH?

I'M IN. WE COULD HEAD TO THE–

SOUTHWEST? IT'S THE LEAST LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN DISTURBED OR FOUND.

WAIT UP! I'M WITH YOU TWO, CAPTAIN'S ORDERS.

HIS ORDERS, HUH?

ORDERS, REQUESTS, SAME THING.

BESIDES, I KNOW WHERE THEY KEEP THE GOOD STUFF. FOLLOW ME.

FEELS GOOD TO HAVE SOME FIREPOWER AGAIN?

FEELS KIND OF CHEAP, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.

DOUBT YOU'LL FEEL THAT WAY WHEN YOU NEED TO USE IT, LOVE.

TWO DAYS LATER.

WE'RE IN UNCONTESTED TERRITORY NOW, WE SHOULD BE-

WOAH!

STOP. THEY'RE HERBIVORES. PEACEFUL.

BUT IF YOU PROVOKE THEM...

RAWRGHHH!

"...THEY BECOME RUTHLESS."

SHUNCK

OOO-AAAA!

OOO-AHHHH!

HMPFF...

JUST DON'T SHOOT ANYTHING UNTIL IT GROWLS AT YOU, OKAY?

GOT IT.

THIS WATER IS PURE.

I COULD SWIM IN IT.

I'M SO HOT, I THINK MY SWEAT IS SWEATING.

I THINK WE'RE USED TO BREEZY ATTIRE, MY LOVE.

VANYA! *HAHA!*

YOU KNOW I TAKE THINGS A STEP FURTHER!

WATER'S WARM.

DON'T THINK I'LL NEED THESE!

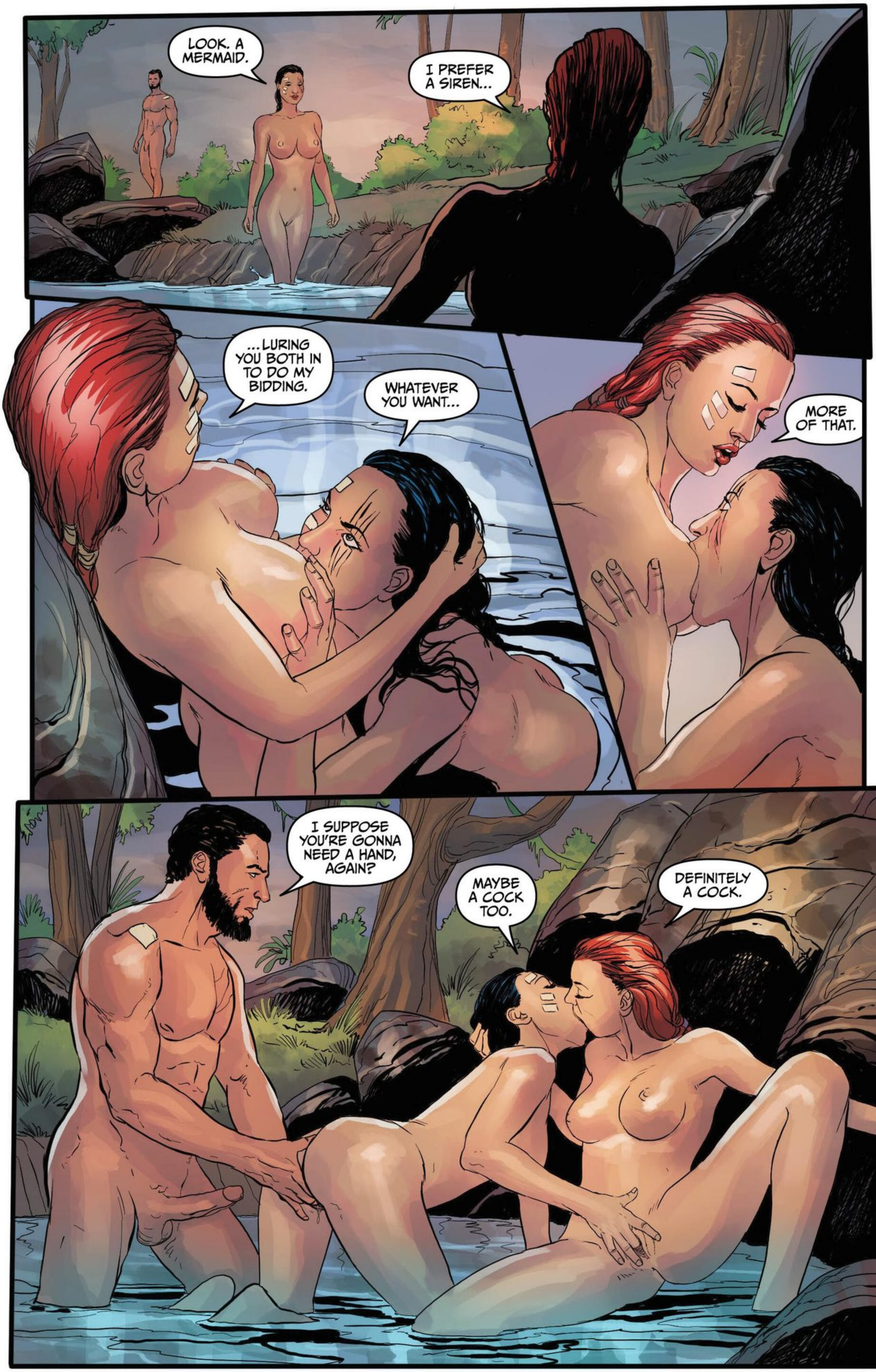
SPASH

PART OF ME NEVER WANTS TO LEAVE THIS WORLD.

ANOTHER PART OF ME KNOWS I'M CRAZY.

MY TIME HERE BROUGHT SOMETHING OUT OF ME...DESIRE.

I FEEL FREE...FROM EVERYTHING.


LOOK. A MERMAID.
I PREFER A SIREN...
...LURING YOU BOTH IN TO DO MY BIDDING.
WHATEVER YOU WANT...
MORE OF THAT.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GONNA NEED A HAND, AGAIN?
MAYBE A COCK TOO.
DEFINITELY A COCK.

UNNHH... FASTER, GUY, MORE...

OOOOH!

MMMM!

UNHHH!

AAAAHH!

UNH... UNHHH... UNHHHHHH!

NICE SHOT, CADET.

MHMM. I'M IMPRESSED.

SO, I THINK I'VE HAD MORE SEX IN THE LAST WEEK THAN I'VE HAD MY ENTIRE TIME HERE.

KEEPING THE BODY AND MIND SEXUALLY VIGOROUS STIMULATES OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM.

WELL, I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY IMMUNE SYSTEM.

LET'S SEE HOW FAR WE'VE GOT.

TEN CLICKS?

MORE LIKE FOURTEEN CLICKS WITH THIS TERRAIN.

I'LL SCOUT UP AHEAD.

COMING WITH YOU.

BEEP

WAIT. THIS DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT.

THIS ISN'T RIGHT...

NO!

WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS MUST'VE BEEN AN ATTACK FROM A PACK OF PREDATORS.

AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE COMPYS.

"THESE LITTLE SHITS ARE EVERYWHERE."

EEE

CHIRRUP

BATATATATATAT

CREE-EE

THIP

THIP

THIP

THIP

THIP

"NICE, SERAH. GIVE AWAY OUR POSITION OVER SOME COMPYS."

"JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THE AREA SO WE COULD INSPECT IT WITHOUT ANNOYANCES."

"OH WELL. I'M SURE WHATEVER CAUSED THIS IS MILES FROM HERE BY NOW."

THERE ARE STILL MORE PIECES HERE. AT LEAST HALF ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

WE CAN LOOK AGAIN. PERHAPS THEY ARE UNDER THE DEBRIS.

WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES HERE!

THREE OF THEM ARE NO MATCH.

THEY ARE ARMED.

DO AS I SAID.

THEY WON'T BE A CONCERN FOR LONG.

LET THE DEAD HAVE SOME PEACE, YOU FUCKING VULTURES!

CREEE

EEEK

RUSTLE

BATATATATAT

HUH?

WHO THE FUCK?!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

AH!

TWIP

ARGH!

THUK

VANYA! SERAH!

I SEE 'EM!

THEN TAKE THE SHOT, DAMNIT!

LOWER YOUR SPEAR!

THWOMP

OOF!

SMASH

YIELD?

YOU FIRST.

SWISH

CRASH

THUD

THOMP

OOF!

ERGH!

YOU LOST. GIVE IN.

YOU MUST.

WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

DON'T YOU KNOW WE'RE TIME GU-

I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!

WE WILL MEND YOUR WOUNDS, BUT YOU'RE COMING WITH US.

SOME OF THIS STUFF IS SCRAP. A FEW COG-RESPONDERS AND THROTTLERS ARE WORKING, THOUGH. PROBABLY WON'T WORK ON ANYTHING OVER TWO TONS.

THAT SAME PACK OF RAPTORS ARE FOLLOWING US. WE CAN USE THEM.

WE CAN DO ANOTHER SWEEP AT FIRST LIGHT.

WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE TECH.

WE HAVE COLLATERAL. THREE TIME GUARDS. THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN ANY THROTTLES.

YOU PLAN ON SELLING US?

ON YOUR FEET.

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

IT'S A SURPRISE!

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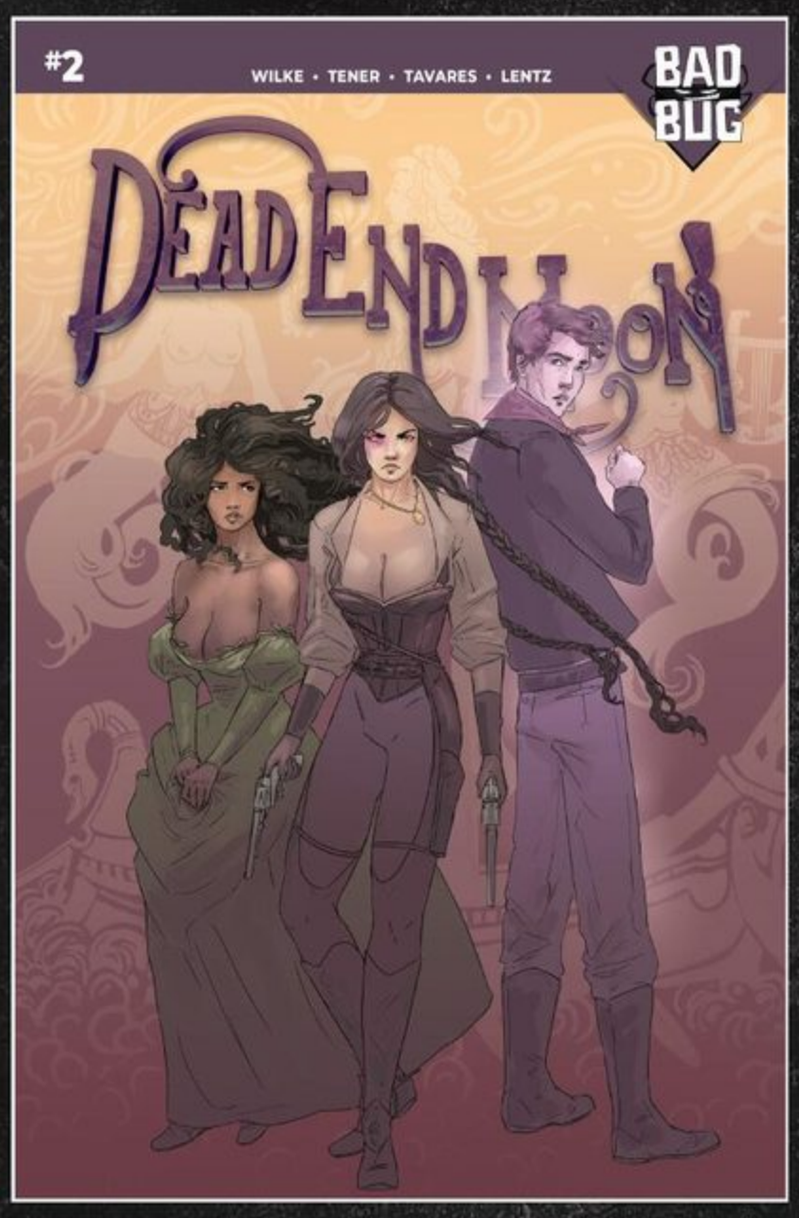

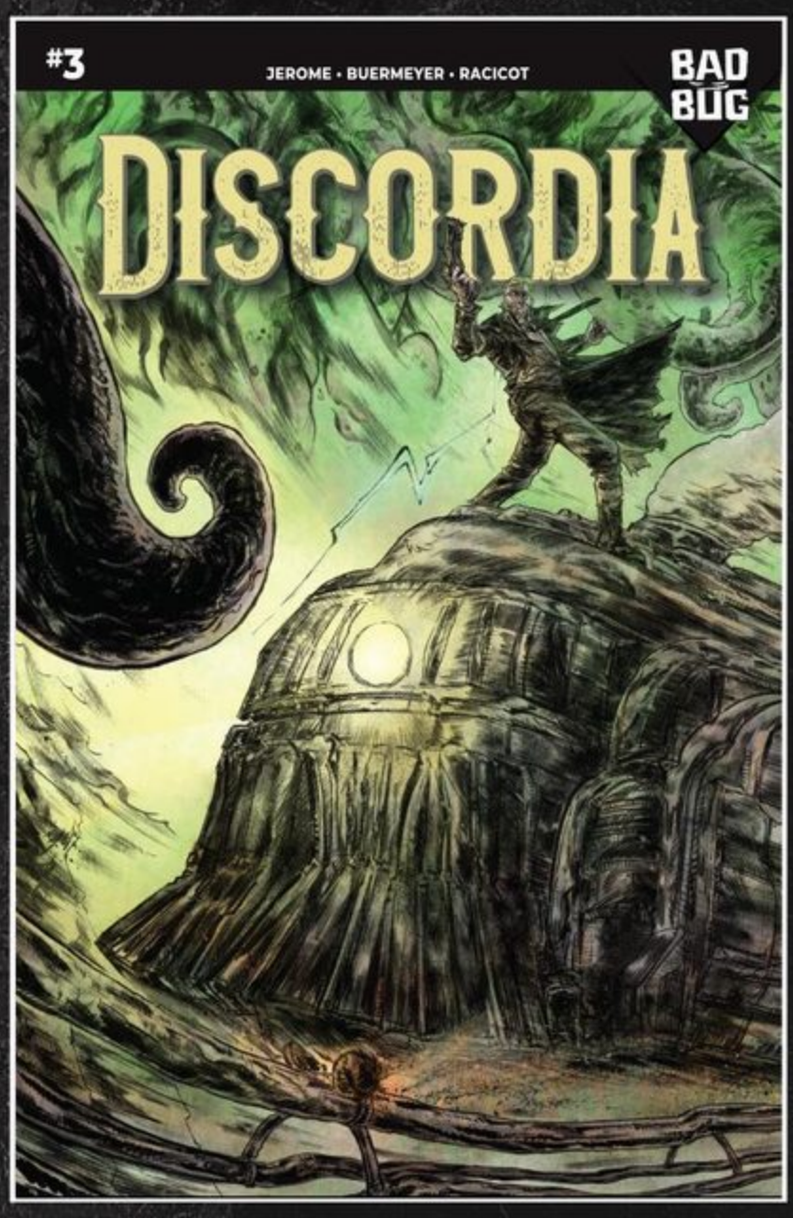

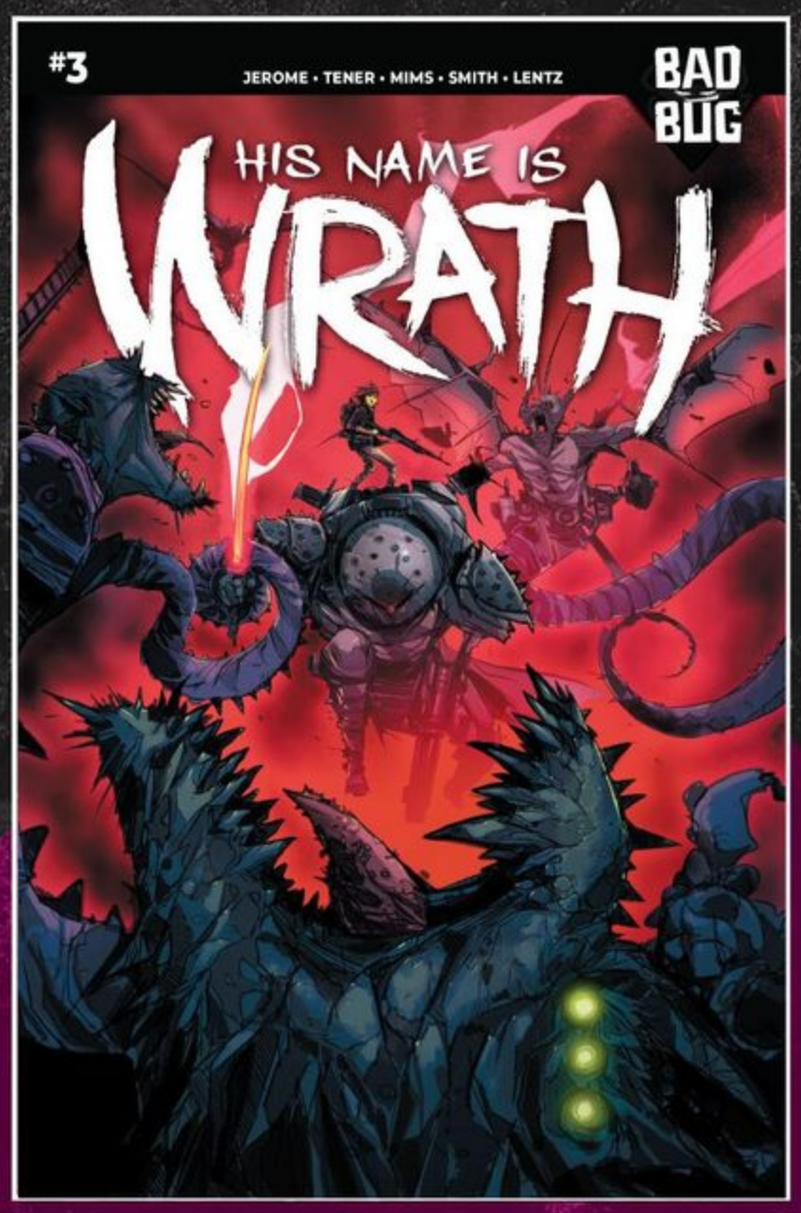

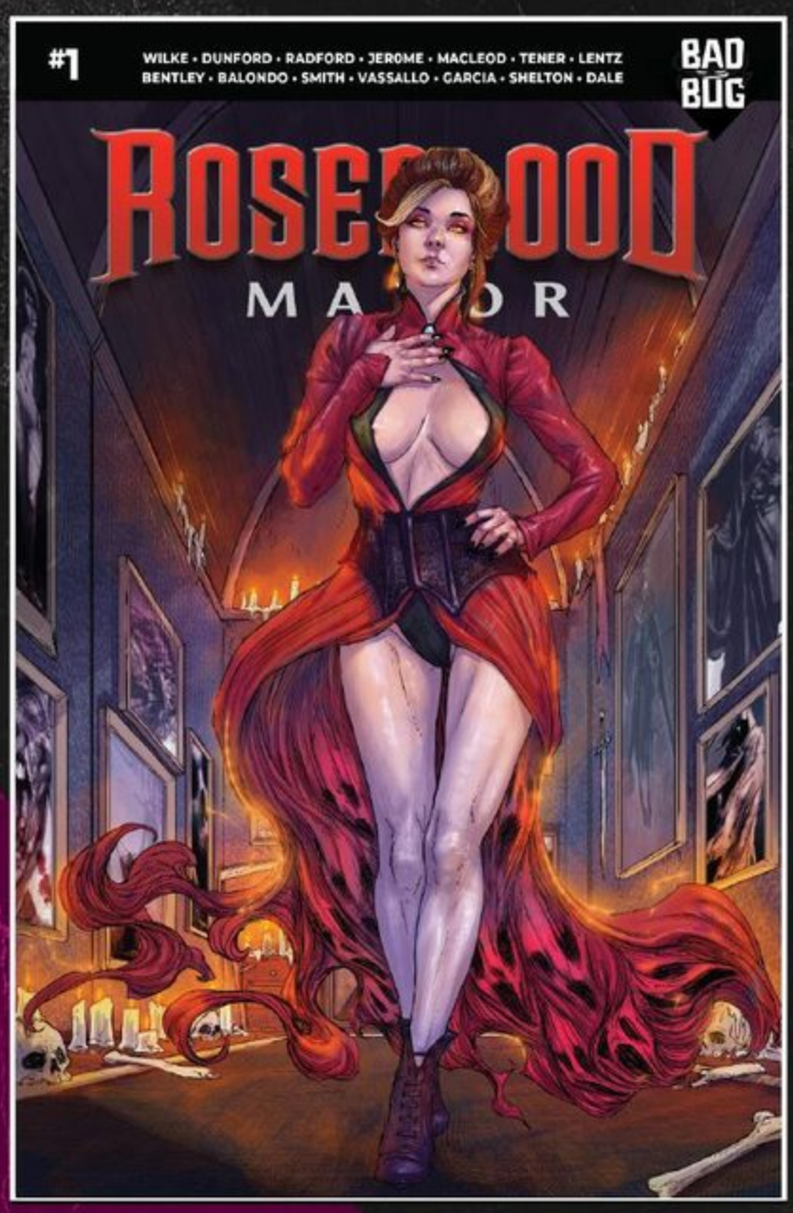
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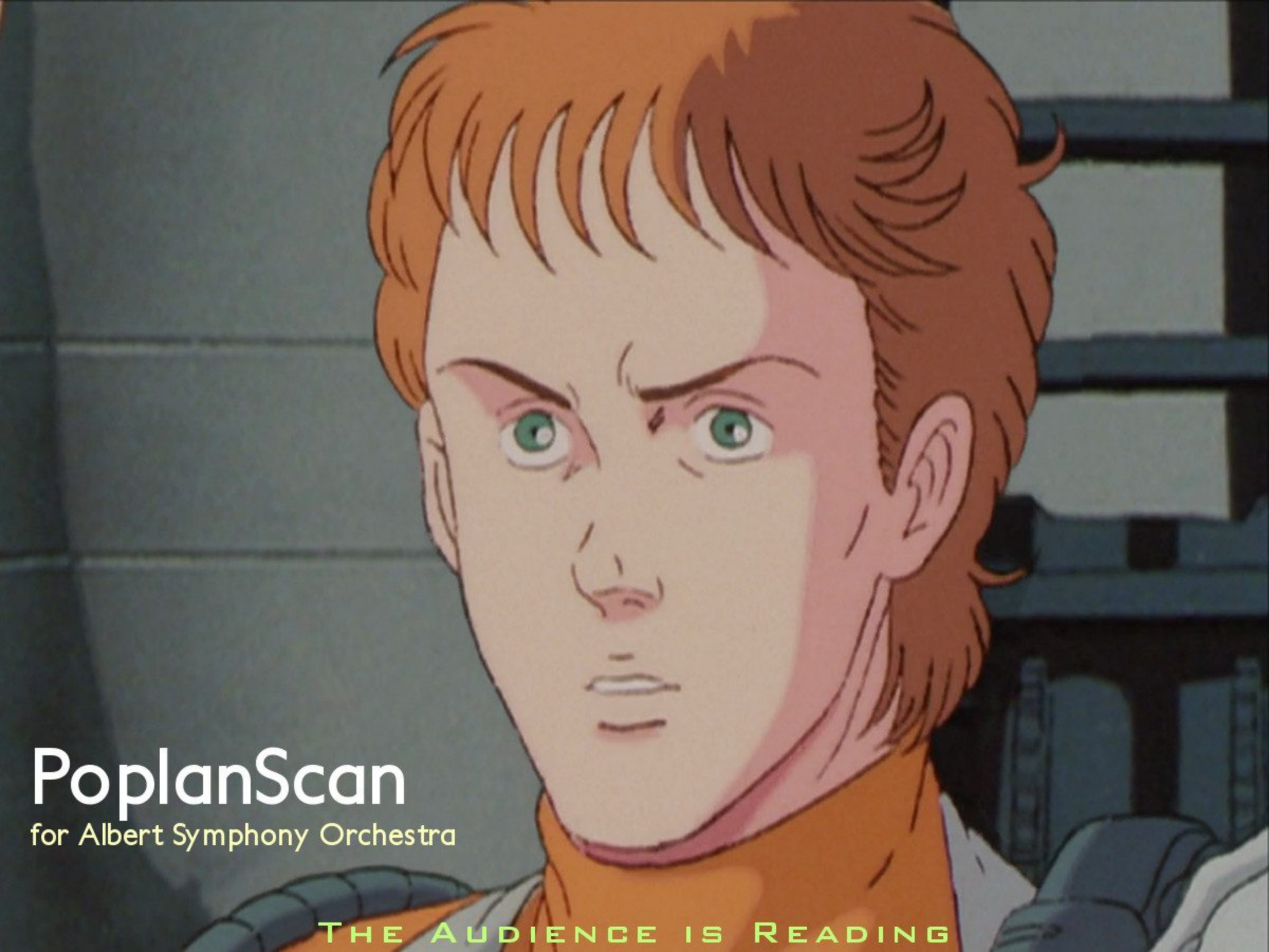
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